

Ross Intermediate Term 2

Tuesday 14 April 2020

Kia ora whānau,

I hope the holiday break in lockdown was safe and as positive as possible for you all.

We begin our online learning support from tomorrow and this communication lets you know what teachers have been asked to provide and support. This is what has been developed with staff:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR STAFF:

(Parents note the following is part of internal communications from me to staff, it is provided for your information: no action is required)

On Tuesday 14th send a video saying hi, hope you had a great break, and advise that we will be starting online tomorrow.

Once Term 2 starts

- Daily message video (60 - 120 seconds). Use photobooth or Castify - See AJ for technical problems. Include Student Awards from day before (not written) and overview for today's learning.
- Teachers need to send the names of Student Awards to Mareana to load onto the document. Cc Wayne
- Principal's Awards, please send a name each week to Wayne to communicate a principal's award to students.
- Teachers will be responding to emails within 24 hours (Monday to Friday).
- Teachers only do literacy and maths.
- Folder for afternoon activities - please feel free to add resources.
- Zoom is a tool available from Week 2 - don't want to overload early. Make it light so that there aren't frustrations if there are technical problems. Expectation that you will experiment with it - not that it is used for the teaching tool as some kids won't find it easy to access. Please don't record these
- Expectation that teachers contact each family at least once per week if they haven't had any communication with a student and they haven't been taking part in online learning. Make it supportive - "I'm just checking on how things are going. I haven't heard from Fred."
- When setting tasks, think about what you are wanting to see back and when you are expecting it.
- For each of those two weeks, make sure that you have talked to, or communicated with each of your students and supported them with their learning.

I send this to you so you know what my expectations are on staff. This is new for all of us and I remind you that there are resources available from the Ministry of Education. There are also the 'free to air' education channels operating on TVNZ 2+ and Maori Television.

The link for resources is <https://learningfromhome.govt.nz/> as well as <https://www.kauwhatareo.govt.nz/mi/resource/ki-te-ao-marama/>

We are doing the best we can to support this current situation and will adapt and change as we get further details from the government. We will communicate to you following the briefing on the 20th April when we know more about what will be happening post this initial lockdown.

We know there are challenges for some families in accessing material and devices. Our key focus remains at this stage around keeping strong relationships with students and ensuring their well being is maintained.

As always we care available to answer any questions you have through our online form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeDCsjU60piWUOvnnq1jthOkRjAtGm6ht8Mglfsr71LQZqblQ/viewform>

To ensure a prompt and accurate response please use this link rather than replying directly.

Ngā mihi

Sent on behalf of **Wayne Jenkins**
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